

## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claim 5; and amend Claims 4 and 6 as follows.

### **LISTING OF CLAIMS**

1.-3. (cancelled)

4. (currently amended) An insert molding technique for shaping an insert-mold product covered with resinous material on an outer circumference of an insert component, comprising

opening a mold

locating the insert component at a predetermined position in the mold when the mold is in the open state using a support for holding the insert component outside of the mold,

extruding the resinous material in a molten state as a tube through a die into the mold, the insert component being located in the interior space of the tube, and

closing the mold to clamp and to cover the insert component with the tubular resinous material in conformity with the contour of the insert component[[]];  
wherein

after the extruding step, the closing step follows, in which an extrusion-side opening of the tubular resinous material is brought into contact with part of the insert component or the support and closed, and by sucking air from the interior space of the resinous material, the insert component is covered with the tubular resinous material and shaped in conformity with the contour of the former.

5. (cancelled)

6. (currently amended) An insert molding technique as defined by claim [[5]]  
4, wherein the air suction is carried out prior to or simultaneously with the closing of the mold.

7. (previously presented) An insert molding technique as defined by claim 4, wherein the closing step follows the extruding step, wherein the tubular resinous material is heated to cover the insert component in conformity with the contour of the latter prior to or simultaneously with the closing of the mold.

8. (previously presented) An insert molding technique as defined by claim 4, wherein welding means is provided at a predetermined position of the mold.

9. (previously presented) An insert molding technique for shaping an insert-mold product covered with resinous material on a outer circumference of an insert component, comprising

opening a first mold

extruding a parison, which is a molten resinous material, into the first mold through a die,

closing the first mold; forming the resinous material having an interior space with one open end and one closed end by bringing the parison into contact with a forming surface of the first mold while blowing air into the parison,

removing the resinous material from the first mold;

inserting the insert component into the interior space from the open end while being fastened to a fastening section, and

heating and shrinking the resinous material after the inserting step to cover the insert component in conformity with the contour thereof.

10. (previously presented) An insert molding technique as defined by claim 9, wherein the formed resinous material is disposed in a second mold separate from the first mold, and the formed resinous material is clamped by the second mold while being heated and partially fixed with a fastening section of the second mold to cover the insert component in conformity with the contour thereof.

11. (previously presented) An insert molding technique as defined by claim 9, wherein the resinous material covers the insert component in conformity with the contour thereof while sucking air from the open end of the resinous material.

12. (previously presented) An insert molding technique as defined by claim 9, wherein welding means is provided in the fastening section.

13. (original) An insert molding technique as defined by claim 9, wherein a preliminary prepared heat-shrinkable tube is used in place of the resinous material obtained by the primary molding.